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## ROOSEVELT'S LATEST COMPLAINT.

Colonel Roosevelt complains that the newspapers will not let him alone. It is a novel complaint for the Colonel to make. No man in American public life has ever courted newspaper notoriety so artfully and assiduously as he. No other man has ever conducted himself in such a manner as to continually excite speculation and public curiosity.

While the colonel is complaining that the newspapers will not let him alone, he is playing to the galleries and seeking a place on the billboards. A short, plain, straightforward statement of his attitude and political intentions would resolve at once the questions and doubts which surround him and give a morbid interest to what he says. He keeps stirring the political pot, but keeps everybody guessing as to what he intends to do. He envelops himself in the kind of mystery that invests a man who goes about wearing a mask and a red cloak.

And it is quite evident that the Colonel enjoys the attention the newspapers pay him. He would be grieved indeed if they neglected him and did not note his every action and word. He is no shrinking modest violet. It pleases him to be seen and heard, to hold the center of the stage and standing in the limelight. His complaint is a Pickwickian expression of satisfaction that he is successfully playing at one time the roles of Jack Cade and the Sphinx.

Colonel Roosevelt vigorously assails the arbitration treaties, says the San Francisco Post, the Sherman anti-trust law and the judiciary, but he refuses to say a word about the tariff, the parcels post, the granting of subsidies to American shipping or rebating the tolls on American ships passing through the Panama canal. While the reciprocity agreement with Canada was pending he gave no expression of opinion on that measure, but he was ready enough to attack the arbitration treaties. His militant utterances on some public questions, coupled with his studied reticence with regard to others, fill people with expectancy.

In no instance has he given any expression of approval of anything that President Taft has done, but he has criticized the enforcement of the anti-trust law and denounced the arbitration treaties. Meanwhile his admirers are booming him for president, and he declines to say whether or not he is a candidate. Naturally he is an object of popular interest and receives a good deal of attention from the press. But the fault is not with the newspapers. The Colonel is himself responsible for the notoriety he is receiving.

## LA FOLLETTE ON THE RECALL.

Robert Marion La Follette, United States senator from Wisconsin and a lawyer of prominence in his state, came out boldly in favor of the recall of judges, including those on the bench of the United States supreme court. He would recall those judges of the supreme court who read the words "reasonable" and "unreasonable" into the Sherman anti-trust law. He is explicit. We have at last a definition and an example of the defense that shall bring down upon the heads of our judges the terrors of the recall law which Senator La Follette advocates. He is the leader of the insurgents, and it may be taken for granted that he states correctly the policy of those who follow him.

At all times in civilized countries the courts have interpreted the statute law in the light of reason. The common law that we inherited from England is wholly the work of the courts of past ages, and it is a monument to the wisdom and uprightness of the judiciary as a continuing body, to which nothing else in all the world can be compared.

Being a lawyer, the senator from Wisconsin knows that the courts have always been compelled to correct the mistakes of legislative bodies by deciding in the light of reason what is the law when conflicting statutes befogged the issue. Con-

gress might become as vain as were some old parliaments in England, and might pass impossible laws. In England parliament is above the laws, yet its acts are intercepted by the courts in the light of reason and in accordance with the law. Instances of the kind are common.

More than once, as Senator La Follette well knows, an English parliament inserted in an act a declaration that "this act shall never be repealed." Years, perhaps centuries after, another parliament repealed that act or passed one conflicting with it. What did the courts do? They did the every thing Senator La Follette insists they must not do. They threw the light of reason on the statute law and decided that a provision that "this act shall never be repealed" was "unreasonable." Will the senator from Wisconsin say the United States supreme court shall not do likewise? Shall the courts be helpless to help the people in the light of reason when "the (statute) law is an ass?"—New York Commercial.

## ROMANCE NOT ALWAYS YOUNG.

Rudyard Kipling has demonstrated that the coming of the age of steam and electricity has increased the possibilities of romance. Now comes George R. Carter, former governor of Hawaii, demonstrating the survival of romance in the middle age by sailing over 4220 miles of blue ocean in order to have an extra week in the company of his wife to whom he has been married twenty-five years.

Romance does not belong to the young world nor is it the exclusive property of the young people in it. It exists even in an apartment house. It is to be found where the bald-headed middle-aged men congregate, as live and palpitating as where the young men with steel helmets over long flowing locks used to gather. The probable reason why it is not so conspicuous as it used to be is that it is kept hidden to a great extent by the middle-aged men of the middle age of the world.

Ladies, young and old, and gentlemen young and old, is not the ride of the former governor of Hawaii over the ocean wastes to visit his wife a much more commendable feat than the ride of young Lochinvar, who rode all unarmed and alone to break up a wedding? The modern one is the prettier and more inspiring romance, but the tyrannical traditions will barely permit of its being recognized as romance.

Middle age is a little sheepish about insisting on romance. That is the only reason why it does not find it as easily as youth. The middle-aged Lochinvar who outdid the younger in this, the middle age of the world, deserves the thanks of his kind for pointing out that romance is still ours if we want it.

There is some caviling at the report of the senate committee that investigated the election of Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin. The committee reports that the charge of bribery was not proved. It might have added that the evidence failed to show that any law was broken by Stephenson and his campaign managers. Stephenson spent \$107,000 in his campaign for re-election, but it was not shown that any money was expended illegally. The election was held in accordance with a free-for-all primary law which places no restriction on the amount of money a candidate may spend. Some people seem to think the committee should have reported in favor of unseating Stephenson on the ground that he spent too much money, but as the money was spent lawfully and nobody was corrupted (so far as the testimony shows) the committee could not have reported otherwise than it did. It is to be noted in this connection also that La Follette, who made the charge against his colleague, is the father of the Wisconsin primary law. Had not Stephenson broken with him politically La Follette would have had no fault to find with the amount of money he spent.

Here is the chance for another fad for those who have the money to invest in fads. A press report declares that a Los Angeles man owns a hen that produces eggs with his initials on them. The egg with the monogram is sure to be in demand. It will be more sought after than the cigarette with the monogram or the engraved individual note-paper. There is a great chance for some Burbank of the poultry industry to breed hens that will hatch monogrammed eggs. Perhaps the hens may be coaxed into laying eggs with crests on them, if the science is developed properly. If a common or barnyard hen can lay an initialed egg, a hen that is properly educated and properly bred should be able to do much more in the line of egg literature and heraldry. In time there will be developed a hen that will lay eggs containing perfectly good sonnets on the eggshell. Petaluma will then be a literary center that will vie with that other California homes of culture, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

The officers of the American navy are still true to the traditions of the service. Not long ago Commander Bertolette of the gunboat Yorktown, stationed at Guayaquil for the protection of American citizens residing in Ecuador, died of yellow fever, leaving the vessel without a commanding officer. When the news reached Washington, Commander Thomas Washington volunteered to take command of the infected ship and was immediately ordered to do so. He is now on his way to a post of duty where the opportunity for distinction is remote and the peril disproportionately large. But the officers of the American navy are of a fine type, and their devotion to duty is a proverb.

Mack Tin Loy, the big Chinese potato grower of California, is in the toils. The federal authorities have evidence that reveals the fact that this wealthy mongolian is at the head of the opium smuggling ring that has been doing an immense business across the Mexican border. Mack has been busy fighting the import of Nevada potatoes into California, and we hope he will be incarcerated and inflicted with the dry rot and sel worm.—Yerlington Times.

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